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Dear Families,

Thank you for another great year at Animas!

I'm reaching out today with exciting news--I have been offered a fantastic opportunity to pursue deeper professional development at the very site where our school's model was developed. With the support of AHS administration, I will be taking a one-year sabbatical to engage in a Master's degree fellowship at High Tech High in San Diego. During this time, I will be working in HTH schools to further strengthen my educational leadership skills and investigate equity within project-based learning.

While I feel reluctant to take an absence from this wonderful community, I believe that this unique opportunity will deepen my practice and benefit our school in the long run. I am working closely with my esteemed colleagues, Heather Prekup, Sean and Libby, to ensure a smooth transition for services over the coming year. We are working to fill my current responsibilities with the support of our district ESS supervisor, and will be in touch to announce programming changes. I am also hoping to maintain a strong connection with Animas by consulting with AHS matters, as needed.

Please know that your family continues to be in capable and caring hands over the coming year, and we hope to maintain our strong relationships with families. I look forward to rejoining the AHS community with greater vision for integrating all students into a meaningful educational experience.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any thoughts or concerns that you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Carlin